5.	Sanakhemudi	500 MT	18-01.2001	August, 2001
6.	Chattrapur	500 MT	11.12.2001	July, 2001
7.	Seragada	500 MT	18.01.2001	September, 2001
8.	Astarang	500 MT	10.2.2001	September, 2001
9.	Balipatna	500 MT	16.02.2001	October, 2001
10.	Dhamnagar	500 MT	19.02.2001	November, 2001

Irregularities in FCI godowns

†1872. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints with regard to irregularities in storage of foodgrains in godowns of the Food Corporation of India received by Government;

(b) the details thereof State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government on these complaints so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No serious complaint with regard to irregularities in the present system of storage of foodgrains in godowns of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in prices of edible oils

1873. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of edible oils have skyrocketed in the country particularly during the last five months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) The prices of edible oils in the country during the last few months are mentioned below:—

(Prices in Rs. per quintal)

Type of oil	Price as on 1.12.2001	Price as on 1.9.2001	% variation over 1.12.12001	Prices as on 1.6.2001	% variation over 1.12.2001
Groundnut	3450	3500	−1.45	4200	−21.74
Mustard	3120	2930	+6.09	2800	+10.26
Soyabean	2900	2800	+3.45	2540	+12.41
Sunflower	4300	3950	+8.14	4150	+3.49
Cottonseed	3030	3030	Nil	3150	−3.96
Coconut	3350	3150	+5.97	3275	+2.24
Vanaspati (15 ltr. tin)	520	560	−7.69	445	+14.42

(c) Some of the measures taken by the Government to check the price rise of edible oils are:—

(i) Import of edible oils on OGL has been allowed.

(ii) Custom duty on crude palm oil and its fractions of edible grade, has been reduced from 75% to 65% with effect from 30.10.2001.

(iii) The State Government/UT Administrations have been addressed to maintain vigil on the prices and availability of oils.

(iv) Government is keeping a watch on the prices and availability situation of edible oils in the country.